

### **Mission Statement**

"The West Hartford Human Rights Commission fosters mutual understanding and respect among people, and encourages equality of treatment of all people, regardless of race, color, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, civil union status, gender identity or expression, marital status, familial status, genetic information, age, economic status, lawful source of income, national origin or ancestry, or present or past history of physical, mental, intellectual or learning disability including, but not limited to blindness."

### **TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Tuesday, July 7, 2015**

**Room 214**

### **MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Members—Krishna Adhikari, Charles Andrews, Charles Cleary, Judy Wyman Kelly (Secretary and Acting Chair), Margaret Liu, Town Liaison—Marcia Lewis.

- It was moved (Margaret L) and seconded (Chuck A) that the 5.5.15 meeting minutes be approved with no changes. The vote passed unanimously.
- **Training/Retreat:**
  - a. Leadership Greater Hartford charges money and doesn't do trainings for government entities.
  - b. Chuck A. offered his office space on Farmington Ave. He also suggested an assessment exercise that sheds light on how individual brains work, although there is a fee involved.
  - c. Marcia said she would look into another group that does trainings for non-profits.
  - d. Margaret would like the training to include discussion of a mission statement and inclusion of that statement at the top of each agenda.
  - e. Chuck C. mentioned mindfulness trainings at Central Connecticut State University. He will look into that.
  - f. All parties will get their information to the Secretary by July 14.
- **Possible future events:**
  - a. Marcia contacted the author of Little Princess and his fee is \$10,000.
  - b. Other possibilities discussed were inviting Jefferson Singer from Connecticut College to discuss bias (re: the online test for bias).
  - c. Krishna asked how we could get the community to bring important human rights issues to our attention—survey? Coffee talk? During Park Rd parade? During International Human Rights day (Dec 10)?
- **Annual events already in place:**
  - a. Martin Luther King Day—Judy K is liaison for this event. She hasn't been contacted yet.
  - b. Park Rd parade—Judy K will take care of signing up. Margaret will hold a subcommittee meeting on Friday, August 21 to discuss outreach to school human rights classes and art

classes to get students to create signs for and march in the parade. Parade date is Saturday, October 3, 10-11 am.

- c. Dec 10, International Human Rights Day, school-based celebration, K-12—Judy K will contact Conard to see if there was an assessment of Human Rights day done at Conard in 2014. More discussion on this to be held at the September meeting.
- **Social Media**—Judy K encouraged everyone to invite their facebook friends to like the WHHRC facebook page, and also to send her any good stories to post on the page. Chuck C. agreed to be co-administrator with Judy K. Everyone agreed it would be a good idea to put information/facts about West Hartford up on the page on a weekly basis.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.
- **Next meeting:** Tuesday, September 1, 2015, 7 pm, Town Hall, room 400.

*Minutes submitted by Judy Wyman Kelly*